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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. Prices in other locations were generally higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand ranged light to good with features and locations of winter weather stimulating the best movement. Supplies were usually sufficient for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were short to barely adequate for reduced slaughter schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 5.5 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 1.5 cents higher for mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 3 cents higher on extra large, unchanged to 4 cents higher on large, and unchanged on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to occasionally fully steady entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to fairly good, best where features were in progress. Supplies were adequate. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the fair demand. Light type hens were short to barely adequate for processing requirements.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 6 cents higher for the larger sizes, up 1 cent for medium, and were unchanged for small. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand was usually moderate to fairly good with extreme winter weather in the Midwest and feature activity for the upcoming holiday causing some extra interest in additional product. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to barely adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light demand. Most breakers reported business as generally quiet at this call. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules vary from plant to plant with more reporting reduced schedules than previously noted. Trade sentiment steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand mostly moderate and best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate and larger sizes more closely balanced.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were sharply higher on the larger sizes and slightly higher on mediums. The market tone was fully steady. Demand was slow to moderate. Supplies were adequate for present trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending March 01, 2002 was 57.94 cents, 4.55 cents more than a week earlier but 14.71 cents less than last year. Breaking stock demand was light for sufficient offerings. Light type hens were short to barely adequate for reduced processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices 5 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large; 2 cents higher on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 6% higher than last Monday with California up 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 9%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings generally adequate.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good, best where features were a factor. Large eggs were being advertised as buy 1 dozen get 1 dozen free in several New York locations. Supplies were sufficient for needs.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA		
	LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	100-102	93-95	75-77
New York	67-71	65-69	47-51
Philadelphia	63.5-69	62.5-67	46-49
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	58.5-63	54.5-61	38-41
Jackson (1)	58-60	56-58	43-45
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	69-79	68-78	46-56
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	60-64	58-62	39-43
Detroit (2)	56-61	55-60	39-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	58-62	57-60	37-41
Major Wisconsin Cities	59-66	58-64	39-44
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	79-82	74-78	54-57
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	97	91	74
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 5 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large; 2 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 4% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand just fair. Offerings generally adequate. Small invoice price 54. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large dozen 2 for \$4, large dozen 79.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	99
EXTRA LARGE	97
LARGE	91
MEDIUM	74

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	225-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	215-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	185-229
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	165-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 08, 2002 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 01, 2002 were 277,807 cases which was 22 percent above the prior week and 6 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	235,998	41,809	277,807

% change from the prior week..... +30 -11 +22
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light demand. Most breakers reported business as generally quiet at this call. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules vary from plant to plant with more reporting reduced schedules than previously noted. Trade sentiment steady.
PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	28-31	28-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-16	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-MAR-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12 CENTS/LB.	8-9	9.01
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trading was lighter with offerings generally short to adequate. Demand was moderate and mostly unaggressive. Processing schedules were less than normal. The undertone was steady.
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-MAR-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.68
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 04, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.0	20.3	9.9	14.7	73.6
	Change	1.7	0.9	0.8	1.8	11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.4	49.0	22.0	22.0	150.7
	Change	-0.9	11.6	7.3	-4.9	11%
Large	Curr Wk	46.5	122.1	102.3	90.9	481.4
	Change	-0.7	19.2	15.6	11.6	13%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.9	37.3	18.6	20.1	117.7
	Change	-3.5	1.1	-0.6	-4.1	-6%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	7.1	7.3	5.6	31.9
	Change	0.3	-2.4	1.3	-1.5	-7%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.9	17.8	8.0	11.5	49.0
	Change	-0.8	-4.5	0.9	0.7	-4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.9	66.2	29.5	28.6	180.0
	Change	-6.7	-7.9	4.3	1.5	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	129.9	319.8	197.6	193.4	1084.3
Percent	Change	-8%	6%	18%	3%	5%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1084.3	5%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	242.0	-13%	38

Total Shell Egg	1326.3	1%	208
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

The five inventory areas are identified as:
Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	181.4	178.4	169.4	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING FEBRUARY 18, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2002

CURRENT LOADS	20.00	FUTURE LOADS	29.00	TOTAL LOADS	49.00
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC	NW		SW	LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	43.00	45.00	—	—	—	—	23.00		GL W J	—	—	—	61.00	—	—
GL W J	—	—	—	—	51.00	—	1.00		GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	2.25
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	59.50	2.00
GL W LG	—	—	49.25	51.00	50.75	—	7.00		GL W SM	—	—	—	30.00	—	1.00
GL W MD	—	—	31.00	33.00	—	—	1.00								
GL W SM	26.75	28.25	—	—	22.00	—	2.00								
NRBS - 48	27.00	30.00	—	—	28.50	30.00	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	16.93	18.71	7.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/22/02-02/28/02

CURRENT LOADS	97.25	FUTURE LOADS	118.25	TOTAL LOADS	215.50
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC	NW		SW	LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W XL	—	—	38.00	—	—	—	1.00		GNR W XL	—	46.00	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 1	39.60	47.32	39.13	42.83	45.72	43.00	109.00		GNR W 1	—	50.98	—	—	—	29.00
GNR W 2	—	47.75	42.00	—	42.00	—	5.00		GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	27.00	28.00	—	26.00	2.75		GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	26.50	27.50	—	—	1.00		GL W J	59.00	—	—	61.00	66.75	5.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	49.50	51.00	54.00	—	4.00		GL W XL	—	56.33	—	—	60.59	17.75
GL W J	—	—	—	—	54.33	—	3.00		GL W LG	—	57.00	—	59.90	59.23	24.50
GL W XL	53.50	55.90	47.83	50.90	50.32	—	41.25		GL W MD	—	37.00	—	—	44.75	2.25
GL W LG	51.00	55.18	48.63	50.67	50.94	69.00	42.25		GL W SM	—	—	—	30.00	—	1.00
GL W MD	—	35.00	31.38	33.25	36.00	—	11.25		NRBS - 39	—	19.50	—	—	—	2.00
GL W SM	26.38	27.88	24.50	26.00	23.00	—	5.00								
NRBS - 48	27.00	30.00	27.00	28.89	28.10	30.00	20.25								
NRBS - 39	—	—	13.00	15.00	17.36	19.03	31.25								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 02/17/02 - 02/23/02

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	324	324
Colorado	0	0	8,430	8,430
Idaho	0	774	833	1,607
Illinois	0	0	745	745
Indiana	0	0	850	850
Iowa	4,005	0	55,650	59,655
Michigan	0	0	5,729	5,729
Minnesota	0	0	10,246	10,246
Missouri	0	0	5,585	5,585
Montana	0	0	490	490
Ohio	0	780	9,308	10,088
Oregon	1,615	288	0	1,903
South Dakota	0	0	600	600
Tennessee	0	0	840	840
Texas	0	0	1,833	1,833
Utah	858	2,850	10,916	14,624
Washington	0	576	0	576
Wisconsin	0	0	2,196	2,196
TOTAL	6,478	5,268	114,575	126,321
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	6,478	5,268	114,575	126,321

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
120-123	81-84	74-77	56-59	25-28

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 2/17/02-2/23/02
 30-dozen cases 6,296
 Receipts from the mainland: 2/10/02-2/16/02
 30-dozen cases 5,993

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
62-72	55-59	53-58	37-40	25-29

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
39-42	20-24	7-10

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
77.19	76.19	57.57	45.51

EGG PRODUCTS

Shell Eggs Broken Up 6 Percent

Shell eggs broken totaled 153 million dozen during January 2002, up 6 percent from January a year ago.

January 2002 contained 23 weekdays, two holidays and four Saturdays, the same as January 2001.

Data presented in this report were compiled from inspection reports of the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The best available data at time of publication were used.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	02/25/02	02/18/02	02/26/01
PACIFIC COAST	346	427	76
LOS ANGELES	319	384	59

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